

DEAR EDITOR,

I have received a letter from Dr. Johnson asking me to convey his best thanks to the students, past and present, for his portrait.

It is not yet in his possession, as it is up in London being framed, and is to remain in town for the Autumn Exhibition at the Dutch Gallery, Grafton Street, in November, where doubtless some of the students would like to go and see it.

L. GRAY.

The issue will be on the 30th of each month. All matter must reach the Editor by the 20th.

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BADGES.

Miss Gray has a fresh stock of the new silver and enamel badges, and will be glad to supply them at 3s. 6d. each.

To the dear Memory of Augustus Johnston,

of Gale House, Ambleside,

Who went home to God,

whom he loved,

September 6, 1907,

Aged 79 Years.

"O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me; and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling."

Ps. xliii. 3.

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ACCOUNT OF MEETING.

On July 13th a Special Students' Meeting was held, by kind invitation of Miss Faunce and Miss Evans, at 13, Chilworth Street, when Mrs. Franklin very kindly told the assembled students about the work of the P.N.E.U. during the last year.

The first thing mentioned was the work done for the Children's Country Holiday Fund. More help, in taking children for Nature Rambles, &c., has been given by students than before.

There is a very useful exhibition now open in Commercial Road, Whitechapel, "Country in Town," very good for hints on aquariums, collections, &c. There is also a permanent museum at which live creatures are kept, such as working ants and bees. Mrs. Hall, curator, would be pleased at any time to show anyone round.

There is also an exhibition at Hazelmere, very useful for anyone in that district. Collections of the wild flowers found locally are made, and the flowers are named, so that anyone wishing to identify new specimens should find it a great help.

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Such meetings will not be so much with the object of forming new branches, but to get up local interest generally, and to increase the membership of the Union, and to spread a knowledge of our literature. Miss Parish will also be ready to visit home schoolrooms, where people either feel that they are a little rusty or would like help in such subjects as are new to them; she will also help governesses who are not ex-students, but whose children work in the P.R. School, and will visit any school on the register which may desire it.

Mrs. Franklin then drew attention to the prominence now given by other schools to Nature Work and Handicrafts; this ought to make us doubly alert in these subjects, which we consider, more or less, as specialities of our own.

Lectures to Nurses on P.N.E.U. principles have been given in London, and might be given by ex-students in any other place where interested nurses can be gathered together. Miss Evans has given such lectures, and found the nurses most interested.

Many parents outside the P.N.E.U., and who have no other interest in our work, find that Mrs. Clement Parson's list of books to be read aloud to children very helpful.

Miss Dale's method of teaching to read is considered by Professor Heath to be excellent because it is so slow! He considers that children should not be able to read fluently before they are eight or nine years old.

The next Conference is to be held in Bristol in June.

Miss Mason held a small Conference in London, on her way to Neuheim; it consisted chiefly of preparatory schoolmasters, to two of whom the work was new. Previous to the Conference the examination questions on this (the Summer) term's work had been sent round, and those who were coming had been invited to set any questions they would like to see answered by the children. There were five girls (Class IV.), six girls (Class III.), and thirteen boys from Mr. Gibb's school (Class II.). These last narrated their answers.

Of course it was difficult for the children to concentrate their attention on the work in hand with so many onlookers, but although the teachers knew they would have done better in class, the visitors were on the whole much pleased and interested. Three of the boys who had not been selected to come had insisted upon doing so, and people were much

impressed with the fact that examinations were not looked upon as a bugbear.

It is interesting to hear that the Headmaster of the Public School at Harpenden, who was at the Ambleside Conference last year, has joined the P.R. School in classes I. and II., and will, if possible, include class III. The great difficulty in big schools lies in the arrangement of the time table, owing to the visiting masters.

There is to be an extremely interesting Course of Lectures on Latin Oral Teaching at Cambridge these holidays; the lecturer's boys are taught to read Latin and Greek plays like French ones.

After Mrs. Franklin's talk, of which the above are sketchy notes, a discussion took place. Many thought that more Arithmetic could be done in the time given, especially in the lower classes, and thus the standard of Arithmetic in the P.R.S. would be as high as that of other subjects.

We next discussed Miss Pennethorne's paper on "Obedience," which was read at the May Conference, and published in the June "Review."

The students present at the meeting were the Misses Bernau, Evans, Faunce, W. Kitching, McShee, Mew, Owen, Smeeton, and J. Wilkinson.

TRAVEL NOTES.

I should like to tell you something about a day we spent on the Farne Islands. We made up a party of seven, and started from Alnmouth (Northumberland), at about 9-45, getting to a little village called Sea Houses at 10-45 or so. We had intended to sail out to the Islands, but on reaching the coast we found that as there was not a vestige of wind we should have to be rowed the whole way. However, with the aid of two pairs of field-glasses the time passed quickly enough; we saw puffins, guillemots, shags, cormorants, black-backed gulls, herring gulls, kittiwakes, terns, (arctic and sandwich), and eider ducks. The island on which we landed